

Appointment of peons by the Excise Commissioner.

184. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) how many peons the present Excise Commissioner has appointed since he became the Commissioner :

(b) how many of them are Ezhavas and how many others ; and

(c) whether they are aware that the appointments of peons under the Assistant Excise Commissioners are being made by the Commissioner?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) :

(a) 128.

(b) 20 Ezhavas.

108 others.

(c) Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member who all come under '108 others'?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : All the other communities. That was what the member wanted?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether any of the peons that were at Bhaktivilas have been sent over to the Excise Commissioner so that they may be absorbed in the Excise Commissioner's office?

PRESIDENT: How does it arise from this question whether a particular individual appointed in a particular place was sent to the Excise Department as a peon or in some other capacity? How does it arise at all out of the total number of men employed in Bhaktivilas? I wish the House again to understand that the privilege of asking supplementary questions ought not to be abused. I have been somewhat patient in allowing such questions; but when I see that privilege is being abused, I think I have to call the members more often to order.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I wish to explain, Sir. The number of the peons was reduced at Bhaktivilas and some of them were sent out and they sought admission as peons in the Excise Commissioner's office. I understand that some of these peons, who were in service and who were sent out of Bhaktivilas, were not taken as peons in the Excise Department for the reason that they were dwarfs. At the same time I understand that men who were dwarfs greater than they have been recruited in that department as peons.

PRESIDENT: I am still of the opinion that these small details in regard to the internal arrangement between the departments should not be brought on the floor of the House for discussion.

Ponmudi Sanatorium.

185. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any accommodation in Ponmudi Sanatorium for the public to resort to?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes. Upper and Lower Sanatorium Bungalows can be occupied with the special sanction of Government. There is also the camp-shed at Merchiston which can be used on payment of the usual fees.

Opening of new roads in Nedumangad taluk.

186. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any provision has been made in the P. W. D. budget for the next year (1110) for the opening of new roads in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): No.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer inspected the Kallara-Aruvipuram trace and promised to convert it into a cartable road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, I do not think that arises out of the question.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member how many traces there are in the Nedumangad taluk that can be converted into cartable roads?

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): On a point of order, Sir. That question does not arise.

PRESIDENT: I am glad that members are now coming to my rescue.

Abolition of the P. W. D. toll-gate at Nedumangad.

187. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of a resolution passed in the old Legislative Council that the Nedumangad P. W. D. toll-gate shall be abolished; and

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, why the said resolution was not respected by the Government?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (a) Yes.

(b) The resolution will be considered along with the general question of the abolition of toll-gates in the state.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will that question of abolition of toll gates be considered?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The resolution will be considered along with the general question of abolition of the toll-gates in the State.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether, after the resolution referred to was passed in the Legislative Council, any additional toll-gates were opened in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): I rise to a point of order, Sir. The member had already put the question and he did not put any supplementary question. Except, therefore, with the special permission of the Chair, he cannot ask supplementary questions.